



# Bittersweet

## Northwest falls short in Sweet 16 for third straight year

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Last season, the Northwest men's basketball team defeated Augustana 67-66 in the second round to end the Viking's season. Tuesday, Augustana (31-2) defeated Northwest (27-6) 80-78 in the Central Regional Championship to return the favor.

Just like that, after winning 17 straight games, the Bearcats' season came to an end in a disheartening fashion.

"It's heartbreaking for them," Northwest head coach Ben McCollum said. "I feel absolutely horrible. You feel like you've let these kids down, 'did I make this mistake, did I not call the right play here.' All that goes through your head and you just feel so bad."

Augustana guard Jordan Spencer nailed two free throws to give the Vikings the 80-78 lead with four seconds left in the game. With their season hanging in the balance, the Bearcats had one last shot to stay alive. That shot never had a chance after Augustana freshman guard John Warren cut off senior guard Conner Crooker and stole Northwest sophomore forward Chris-Ebou Ndow's inbound pass. After the steal, Warren threw the ball to fellow team-

mate senior Casey Schilling, who then launched the ball up in the air to celebrate the thrilling victory.

"I couldn't be prouder of my kids, coming back from where they were at," McCollum said. "I think we were down seven or eight with about three and half minutes to go. They fought back and just kept fighting and fighting."

For most of the second half, Augustana controlled the flow of the game. With the exception of the first one minute and 54 seconds, Northwest never led after the intermission. With Northwest leading 43-42, the Vikings orchestrated a 7-0 scoring run to seize control.

Sophomore guard Justin Pitts, who was named the tournament's most valuable player, took the game over during the last few minutes, coming close to willing the Bearcats to victory. With Northwest trailing 71-76 and 1:52 left in the game, Pitts scored seven straight points to tie the score at 78 apiece.

"That's two great players in a row we've had to play, and both gave their best games," Augustana head coach Tom Billeter said. "We did all we could do and they still had 34 (points) with Pitts."

Sunday, Pitts scored a career-high 38 points and followed that

up by scoring 34 Tuesday night. In Northwest's three games during the Central Regional, Pitts averaged a colossal 29 points. While Pitts is honored by winning the most valuable player award, getting the win was the most important thing to him.

"I'm really not thinking about it right now (because of the loss)," Pitts said. "It's a big accomplishment, only a sophomore and being able to do all the things I've done. I couldn't have done it without my teammates and my coaches trusting in me. All the credit goes to them."

During the first half, both teams put on an offensive clinic and were not able to find any sort of separation. There were nine different lead changes and both teams found themselves dead even on 8 different occasions.

Ndow scored the first five points of the game, but the Vikings answered back with a pair of 3-pointers. The Bearcats' largest lead of the first half was 23-19. Despite falling behind, the Vikings did not let down, piecing together a 10-4 scoring run to take back a two-point lead.

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Northwest men's basketball head coach Ben McCollum walks off the court at the Sanford Pentagon after his team's Sweet 16 defeat March 15. The Bearcats finished with an overall record of 27-6.

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## 2016 votes far exceed 2012 GOP turnout

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Tuesday's presidential primary in Nodaway County saw 6.9 times as many people vote as voted in the 2012 version. Even when considering just the Republican race, which was the only contested primary in 2012, 4.8 times as many Republicans voted this year than four years ago.

The primary saw a total of 4,918 votes cast in Nodaway County, with 1,481 voting Democrat and 3,421 voting Republican. The remaining votes were split between the Libertarian and Constitution party ballots. In 2012, just 713 Nodaway residents voted in the primary, according to uselectionatlas.org.

In the county-wide Republican race, Donald Trump led Sen. Ted Cruz (R.-Texas) by just three votes; 1,268-1,265.

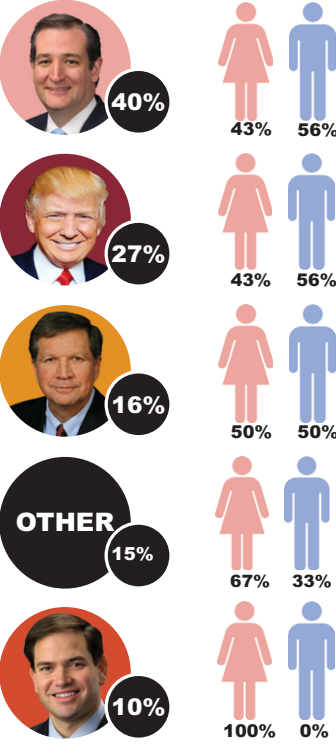
The vote is not official, according to Nodaway County Clerk Karen Leader, because absentee military ballots remain outstanding and will not be counted until Friday.

Statewide, Trump led Cruz in uncertified results 40.9 percent to 40.7 percent, or by 1,726 votes as of 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Those results are also awaiting statewide oversees military votes. If Trump maintains his lead, he will,

### HOW MARYVILLE VOTED IN THE MISSOURI PRIMARY

#### REPUBLICANS



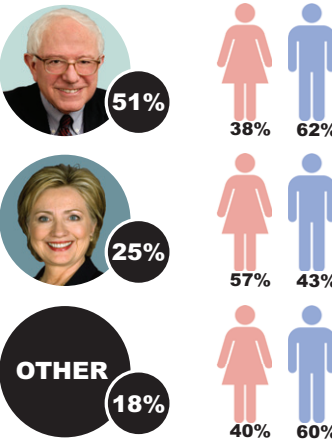
78% of Maryville Republican voters said they are "angry or very angry" with current leadership

however, capture the majority of the statewide delegates, based upon how Missouri awards delegates in the GOP primary.

Based upon current results, Trump will receive 25 delegates and Cruz five.

In Nodaway County, the Democratic primary wasn't close. Sen. Bernie Sanders (D.-Vermont) de-

#### DEMOCRATS



32% of Maryville Democratic voters said they are "angry or very angry" with current leadership

### HONESTY

Was the most important character trait among all Maryville voters at 51%

Exit polling data was collected by a Northwest Political Journalism class using a standard exit polling data set at Maryville's three voting precincts. The poll's margin of error is +/- 5 percent.

JAKE MLNARIK | DESIGN EDITOR

feated Hillary Clinton 831-616. Statewide, however, the two ended in a virtual tie, with Clinton leading Sanders 49.6 percent to 49.4 percent.

Due to how the Democrats split delegates, however, each will receive 32 delegates.

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## Board of Regents, student senate approve fee increase

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While the Board of Regent froze tuition at \$180.61, new student fees will have students paying an extra \$360 per semester.

The Student Senate and Board of Regents passed an increase of \$24 per-credit-hour in student fees, encompassing a \$20 per-credit-hour fee for deferred maintenance on campus, a \$2 per-credit-hour technology fee and a \$2 per-credit-hour campus climate fee.

Money from the technology fee will help improve bandwidth and internet speed on campus. The money from the campus climate fee will go toward minority inclusion education, Title IX training, sexual harassment education and possibly new minority inclusion general education requirements.

Student Senate President Paige Diels said the \$20 per-credit-hour fee is necessary to make sure students keep all the benefits Northwest provides and to carry out the campus master plan.

"It's not a large fee. It is compared to past years, but compared to other schools, we have had the lowest tuition increase across the country with a four percent increase over the past decade," Diels said. "It seems like a lot, but if some of this deferred maintenance doesn't get taken care of, we are going to start losing other things like free textbooks, free laptops,

### ANTICIPATED HIKE IN STUDENT FEES

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things that would end up costing students more money."

Student Senate Secretary Alycia Drost explained what the campus master plan is.

"It is where they see our University in 20 years, and this is how they plan to achieve that look we need and how we can be sustained in 20 years. It's just making sure we have pipes and buildings and infrastructure that will be able to last for the next 20 years," Drost said.

Drost said once the state stopped funding deferred maintenance, the fees committee came to the Student Senate as a last resort to find ways obtain the money to fix several issues on campus.

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## Maryville exit poll reveals voters split on issues, candidates

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Special to the Northwest Missourian

This year's primary season has put conventional political wisdom on its head – from the dominance of Donald Trump on the GOP side

to the surprisingly tough battle between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders on the Democratic side -- and the candidates have voters fractured.

Trump won Nodaway County's GOP primary by just three votes;

but at Maryville's three voting locations, Ted Cruz was the overwhelming winner, defeating Trump 684-627, with Rubio a distant third.

For the Democrats, Sanders won both the county and the Maryville precincts. Sanders de-

feated Clinton 831-616 county wide; and won the city with a similar margin of 583-405.

However, there's no clear indication that voters will toe the party line come November if their preferred nominee is not on the ballot.

An exit poll conducted at Maryville's three polling locations, conducted by students in a Northwest political journalism class, showed voters were split on the issue.

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Senior Timothy Ning received first place in PSA, Promo or Commercial, category at the Student Audio Competition. Ning is a member of KZLX LP FM 106 radio.

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# Student radio DJ receives broadcast award

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The Broadcast Education Association (BEA) recognized student staff members of Northwest’s KZLX LP-FM 106 radio station for placing in its Student Audio Competition.

Senior Timothy Ning placed first in the PSA, Promo or Commercial, Category. Alex Cathey, Kayla Morgan and Ning all were awarded with third place in the Sound Engineering and Production Category.

With 1,538 entries submitted this year and 281 awards allotted,

the KZLX crew made Northwest Missouri State University one of the 101 winning schools.

Ning’s thirty second KZLX radio promo “Don’t Miss a Note” won him first place. The promo utilizes a sound clip from Whitney Houston’s “I Will Always Love You” paired with an off-key rendition captured through the voice of a discernibly struggling young YouTube vocalist. Ning noted that this happened to be one of his earlier productions.

“She screams and cusses, so I was like ‘this is a really cool way to have Whitney Houston in there and

have this girl singing it, and having that be a themed promo where the theme becomes music you can sing along to,’” Ning said.

A fall entry from Northwest Sessions, a weekly radio show promoting bands live at Northwest, featuring the band “Center State” ranked third in the Sound Engineering and Production Category.

“There’s ample time to perfect everything we want to do,” Ning said. “Even the session we turned in for an award could be done some more. It’s a process for sure, and it’s good to have something finally recognized.”

According to the BEA’s festival home page, they are the premiere international academic media organization driving insights, excellence in media production and career advancement for educators, students and professionals.

BEA’s annual convention and Festival of Media Arts will take place April 17-20 in Las Vegas. Awards will be addressed and prizes are often gifted by sponsors to the students winning Best of the Festival.

Northwest News Release shows KZLX advisor and Northwest Instructor of Mass Media Phillip Beskid

admiring his students’ success.

“I’m proud of the students and feel like those awards are well-deserved,” Beskid said. “We have some really talented kids here, and this is always an exciting experience. I also think it says a lot about our curriculum and the program we offer to our students.”

KZLX was recognized twice in the last 10 years as Radio Station of the Year. The station continues to show its prowess through its students achievements and active involvement.

# Northwest Online scrapped for new system

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Northwest Online will be switching to a new software vendors with five new features aimed at helping

faculty and students, this fall.

University faculty began searching for a new software after the original software E-college Pearson Company contacted them before the holiday break. E-college was going to

stop making updates and would cease its offer on the software package.

Once a new software was found, both faculty and students took surveys to judge which system was better.

Students were offered web demonstrations inside the Owens Library and the Student Union. The survey results concluded that faculty was 88 percent on board and the students were 92 percent in favor of the new campus software.

According to Director of CITE Darla Runyon, Ph.D., the first feature is a more modern look to the website. The new page design is meant to appeal to students and help users understand how the site functions.

“It’s an updated look. I really think they liked the environment better. Hopefully it will help everyone navigate through the pages easier so we won’t hear about too many technical issues or people getting lost on the site,” Runyon said.

Another added feature is a grade scenario. This allows students to plug in their grades to check how it will change if they skipped or completed future assignments.

This will not change the gradebook in any fashion, it would just show hypothetical situations.

Runyon noted how this new feature was her favorite.

“I know a lot of people doing that anyway. They write on paper, but this will do it with the gradebook. It’s a grade scenario feature that a lot of students thought was

Students and faculty can have different login passwords and names to get access to email and Northwest Online.

The new align login feature will allow students to have the same login password and name to all systems.

Rather than having multiple names and passwords, align login is meant to help people have to remember less.

An integrated calendar is the fifth and final upgrade. If a faculty member puts a due date on assignments, the date will integrate right into the calendar.

When a quiz or assignment is due, the notification system will send out a text to alert the student. Personal items can be added to the calendar as well to inform the user of other upcoming events.

While the changes will be added to all courses this coming fall, some classes will have the updates integrated during the summer.

Online classes and blended courses will have the additions. The old system will remain with the other classes that meet face-to-face.

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-Darla Runyon,  
Director of CITE

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# State legislature seeks self-defense law changes

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Missouri is looking to pass a new law regarding self-defense. A bill proposed by Sen. Kurt Schaefer states people should be able to do whatever it takes to defend themselves.

Senate Bill 1037 would expand the stand your ground laws and allow people to defend themselves in any way without worrying about a lawsuit later.

The stand your ground laws now in place allow people to use deadly force if they believe it is necessary to protect themselves from serious or fatal injuries and forcible felonies. Otherwise, people are expected to withdraw and not confront situations. This is known as duty to retreat. If a person is in his or her home, car or other private property they are expected to follow their duty to retreat.

The new law states, “A person who is not engaged in an unlawful activity does not have a duty to retreat from any place he or she has a right to be.”

Many people have mixed emotions about the bill. Some people feel that the bill will cause many unnecessary deaths and violence. Others feel that it will bring a better form of justice to society.

Junior Sarah Bandy said the bill would be a good thing.

“I think individuals on campus and in the community would be more careful around each other,” Bandy said. “The topic of self defense would just be more openly discussed.”

Bandy thinks the bill will also help balance dangerous gun owners with safe ones. She said even though



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New stand your ground laws would limit a person's ‘duty to retreat’, the stipulation requiring people to not shoot in certain self-defense situations.

there are gun regulations, people who want to get guns and hurt people could find a way. The bill would allow innocent individuals to be able to protect themselves.

“If in a self defense situation, I think people should react in the way

that keeps the most people safe. If that involves using a gun to keep others safe from another gun, so be it,” Bandy said.

The “stand your ground” bill is a touchy subject to approach for everyone. The bill could cause higher

rates of violence but also save more innocent lives.

Florida was the first state to pass the “stand your ground” law in 2005. About half of the other states in the country have passed the law. The states include Alabama, Alas-

ka, Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia.

# Zika virus discovered in Missouri resident

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has confirmed a case of the Zika virus in Missouri.

A Missouri man who had traveled from Haiti has been confirmed with a case of Zika virus, according to the CDC. Missouri officials have not yet released information on where the man lives.

The Zika virus is spread through infected mosquitoes. Blood transfusions and contact with semen through unprotected sex are other confirmed ways this disease is spreading.

The CDC reports that there have been a total of 158 cases of Zika virus infection in 29 states and the District of Columbia. Florida, New York, Texas and California hold the largest number of recorded cases.

Locally acquired reports of infection in American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico account for an additional 107 cases.

A CDC Health Advisory is calling for American doctors to look out for patients who report acute symptoms of fever, rash, joint pain or pink eye within two weeks of traveling to one of the affected areas.

The virus remains in the infected person's blood for about a week.

Pregnant women are believed to

have a high risk for complications in the development of their child during the active course of the infection.

The CDC advises pregnant women to consider delaying travel to the list of 30+ countries where the virus has been confirmed.

A positive correlation between babies born with microcephaly and women infected with the Zika virus is being investigated in Brazil due to an outbreak of the virus and an increased number of babies born with microcephaly.

No vaccine exists as of yet. However, the World Health Organization (WHO) urges those who are vulnerable to use insect repellent,

wear long clothing and stay inside.

CDC Dr. Tom Frieden warned that Zika will spread in the U.S.

“By April we’re likely to see widespread transmission in Puerto Rico and, by June, mosquito season is likely to start in parts of the U.S. where the mosquito that can cause Zika is present,” Frieden said.

According to a KMOV interview, chief medical officer for the University of Kansas Hospital Dr. Lee Norman said the likelihood of Missouri’s first case turning into a outbreak is low.

“I personally think that we aren’t going to have probably enough infected people and enough of the right mosquitoes to have a sustained

epidemic, if you will. Will we have sporadic cases? I absolutely think we will. There were two cases this week in Oklahoma,” Norman said.

The Missouri health department has sent in 17 blood samples to federal health officials to test for Zika virus.

Washington University’s scientists and students in St. Louis are seeking answers on how to best prevent, diagnose and cure the virus.

Students and staff at Northwest should remain careful and informed concerning their spring break destinations this year.

More information about the disease can be found on the CDC’s website.

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OUR VIEW:

# Student fees will be beneficial to students, campus

Next semester returning students will notice a price increase with their tuition, while incoming students will have a first time price higher than other classes before them.

This price change is coming from a combination of new student fees totalling \$24 per credit hour. This means an average student taking 15 credit hours will pay an extra \$360 for the semester.

While this price change is frustrating, and we as college students are known for having no money, the student fees in the end are helpful. They go toward some much-needed maintenance. For more information

on these fees and how the money will be used, see Darcie Bradford’s story on A1.

We understand that these fees are an inconvenience to multiple students and are not the most affordable, but in the end, it could be worse.

The majority of schools in Missouri do not include textbooks or laptops in their tuition, and force you to find them on your own and pay on average \$1,200 each year.

Add this on to the average cost of tuition for a Missouri resident to attend the University of Missouri and you are expected to pay close to \$25,500 plus fees of up to \$92 per

credit hour, depending upon which major you choose for one year.

A Missouri resident choosing to attend Northwest can expect to pay about \$17,600 for the exact same thing, room and board, textbooks and laptop included.

The least we can do as students is pay these fees and be happy we are not paying as much as other colleges in the state.

Missouri schools no longer receive any funding for maintenance, and a majority of buildings on campus have not been renovated since they were built. The high rises have several maintenance problems, from low water pressure to drafty win-

dows. The first high rise was constructed in 1966 and has seen barely any renovations since then.

The tunnels under the sidewalks where you can access the water pipes are held together by duct tape in some places. The pipes themselves are even cracked, which explains the poor water pressure in all residence halls.

Wells Hall floods whenever it rains, and is in need of renovations and preventative measures to keep this from happening again and damaging even more of the new and expensive equipment housed inside.

One of the big complaints continues to be if these fees will go to-

ward another fitness center or the new indoor activity facility that will include an indoor football field and a track. However, this money is strictly for making necessary changes to buildings and keeping campus looking nice and renovated. None of the money from the student fees will go toward these activity centers.

We believe these fees are beneficial. If you look at the cost of other schools, you can see that Northwest is relatively cheap for the experience and education you actually receive. These fees, while annoying, are still a good idea to keep campus looking nice and our buildings safe and functioning.

# College students should seek help for mental health



Mental health is a rising issue on college campuses nationwide and is something we should be paying more attention to.

One in four college students have a diagnosable illness. This can include anything from anxiety and depression to learning disorders such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Although this number is so high, 40 percent of these students don’t seek help.

A major reason students don’t seek help for mental health issues is because of the stigma related to them. This is something that needs to change before these numbers continue to grow.

As a student in a hands-on major and multiple campus organizations, I’ve dealt with my own depression and anxiety. I’m no stranger to paroxetine, citalopram and alprazolam.

It took a lot out of me to seek help when I couldn’t deal with my anxiety anymore because I thought something was “wrong” with me. I was very lucky to have friends and family who supported me through that time and let me feel OK getting

help because I wouldn’t have made it through high school and most of college without it. I want everyone dealing with their own issues to feel good about getting the help that they need.

Ninety-five percent of college counseling center directors said that student psychological issues are a growing concern on their campuses. If this is such a big issue, what are campuses doing to solve them?

Some universities have been adding or rearranging fees to aid their wellness centers. I think this is a step in the right direction that all universities should take. Depression is the No. 1 reason for college dropouts and without their students’ mental health, universities would have nothing.

“Sleep is for the weak.” I’ve heard that 100 times since I’ve been on this campus. College students are getting an average of six hours of sleep each night, when our bodies require seven to nine hours of sleep.

Lack of sleep can lead to depression, impaired judgement and memory and a lowered immune system. Students frequently stay up all night studying and writing papers, not realizing how damaging it can be to their bodies.

You’re less likely to do well on a test if you stay up and cram as opposed to taking a break and resting.

A student can get stitches, a

flu shot, or an STI screening at the Wellness Center with no second thoughts, but it’s necessary for us to have an organization, #IWillListen, to make students feel confident seeking mental health help?

Our brains are part of our bodies and mental health is important. The Wellness Center offers counseling, crisis management, consultations, and so much more than just Z-Packs. People on this campus, staff and students alike, will listen.

I’m a strong believer in taking time for yourself. Take a day for yourself if you need to. Students stretch themselves so thin and don’t realize it until they’re doing entirely too much. Your permanent mental health is much more important than a class you can retake next semester.

When dealing with my mental health, I was scared to reach out because I was scared that I was “different.” I was comparing myself to everyone and it was only hurting me.

I now know that I am not alone and I want everyone else to know that, too. Life is not a competition against everyone around you. It’s a competition against yourself, making the best version of yourself that you can.

We need to end the stigma attached to mental health issues and remember that our mental health is just as important as our physical health.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Upon reading the letter from Tom Harris in the Missourian March 10, 2016, I did two things. I reread it to make sure I understood the letter and then I sought more information about the author, his organization and the topic of climate change from primary sources because, wow, the name International Climate Science Coalition sounded great! I have something to do with international affairs on campus, so I felt compelled to learn more, and then felt required to counter his letter.

Searching his name, the organization’s name, varying URLs, and any related search revealed (for me at least – you should go see) no website and no promotional information about ICSC.

What I found was a number of peer reviewed professional journal articles that spanned the last decade talking about methods used by lobbying groups to infuse doubt into the public sphere around climate change (he even makes a pre-emptive defense about this in his post-script note).

As part of a university community, it is incumbent on us to reach toward the unknown and the outer limits of statements, investigate those, and then consult as many primary resources on the topic as possible (even if it contradicts your understanding). This is intelligent citizenry that spurs progress.

Oh, and by the way, if you think humans don’t impact climate, investigate the global removal of CFC’s from aerosol canisters a few years ago and how that impacted the ozone layer as a starter lesson. Or go to <http://climate.nasa.gov/scientific-consensus/> and take a look at what professional organizations say.

Ask people in Beijing or Mexico City or Los Angeles if they like their air there and what have they done about it. My view is that burning too much stuff for heat and to drive around is not good but Mr. Harris would like for you to doubt that, so we just keep on keepin’ on with our regular buying habits.

I encourage all of us to question, explore, and understand all points of view before you simply believe his (or even my) letter.

Sincerely,

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FEES  
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“They really did come to us as a last resort. They have gone to Jefferson city year after year trying to get the fees approved for maintenance and they are not getting the money they need,” Drost said. “And some of the issues, like the roof of the fine arts building, if we don’t get that fixed, we are going to have to fix the entire thing, the carpets, the foundation... It’s that kind of stuff we want to fix before those problems create more infrastructure problems. So we approved the \$300 a semester, based on an average of 15 credit hours.”

According to Diels, the money from this student fee will go toward fixing issues with the tunnels and pipes, a revamping of Mabel Cook, the roof of Fine Arts Building, the Administration building and a revamping of the high rises.

Drost said with the tunnels, there are several issues that need to be fixed immediately.

“We’re in a position where we got to go on a tour of the tunnels and there were different issues that we found,” Drost said. “There were places where there was duct tape on the pipes to stop leaks and areas spray painted red needing to be fixed immediately. There were multiple instances of that. Some of these issues specifically related to the tunnels will improve water pressure all across campus, and our water bill would go down drastically if we fixed them.”

Student Senate Co-Chair Patrick Cruz said fixing the issues

with the tunnels will also help with flooding in campus in buildings like Wells Hall and the Newman Center.

“Two years ago the Newman center flooded because a pipe burst and those same pipes right now can only last 10 minutes under pressure, like whenever there is a storm,”

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...we took a tunnel tour  
and there were places  
being held together by  
duct tape...”

-Paige Diels,  
Student Senate President

Cruz said. “The maintenance we will be doing will actually help the pipes so they won’t keep bursting under pressure and they will last longer.”

Diels said revamping the Mable Cook visitor center will give the University a competitive edge.

“It’s not just that we want a prettier building to show people coming in, but that’s how we retain enrollment and incoming class

number keep going up. We don’t want incoming freshmen classes to start decreasing because we need the students to carry out this campus master plan,” Diels said.

Diels also said around the same time the University was ready to repair the roof the Fine Arts build-

ing could have pieces falling off of it. I explained that we sent senators to meet with the fees committee seven or eight weeks in a row. We had a five hour discussion about this with the whole student senate, we had our senators go back to talk to their constituents, classes and organizations,” Diels said. “So after we explained to them this was not a light hearted decision, that we don’t want to ask for more money but we want this university to be around for the next 20 years, they passed it.”

Diels said several students she has spoken worry the fee will be going toward a new activity center.

“It’s an indoor football field with a track around it and people complain and say, ‘Oh, why should I pay \$20 extra per credit hour for a new activity center,’ but that project is 92 percent donor funded,” Diels said. “So this fee is not paying for that, it is only paying for a small portion of it that almost won’t even affect it. When you think about the fee, it’s not for a new fitness center, it’s for the tunnels, the buildings, it’s for the infrastructure, it’s for keeping our laptops.”

Diels said she would love to see students with questions attending the Student Senate meetings.

“We encourage people, if they have questions to come to our meetings. They are open, anyone can come and voice concerns. I mean, only senators have votes, but they are supposed to be unbiased and vote for what the constituents are feeling toward the issues,” Diels said.

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The Vikings were not able to hold the lead for long due to a tre by junior forward Zach Schneider, which put Northwest back on top 32-31. The momentum of the game took a swing in Augustana’s favor when Warren hit a 3-pointer to give Augustana a 38-37 lead to end the first half.

The Bearcats struggled throughout the game to defend the perimeter, allowing the Vikings to make 11 of their 19 3-point attempts. Schilling led Augustana with 24 points scored, making eight of his 10 shot attempts.

Crooker, the Bearcats’ lone senior, scored 18 points to go along with three 3-pointers in his final collegiate game.

Leading up to its defeat in the Central Region Championship, Northwest won its first two games against No. 7 seed Ouachita Baptist University and No. 6 seed Minnesota State-Mankato. This is the first straight year the Bearcats have advanced to the Sweet 16.

Leading up to the Central Regional, the Bearcats won their second straight MIAA Regular Season Championship and first MIAA Tournament Championship since 2008. Northwest is the first team in the MIAA to win both conference championships in the same season since Washburn did it in 2003.

I’m extremely proud,” McCol-lum said. “I’m probably going to guess that Augustana is going to win the national title. I felt like we’re the two best teams in the country and they just came out on top tonight. We’re going to celebrate what we’ve accomplished.”

NODAWAY  
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Residents of Nodaway County expressed their concerns after voting about the election and why it was important to vote.

“It’s very important for me since I have grandsons and great grandsons that are growing up; I want a decent place for them to live in the future,” said local grandmother Corina Lawrence.

While concerns for the future were prominent for some, for others, it was about a citizen’s role in society.

“It’s a civic duty and I always vote,” said local resident Jon Sielaff. “It’s definitely a right and it’s also a privilege. I feel like this is something that we should do. If you don’t go out and vote then you have no right to complain.”

Exit polling data collected by a Northwest political journalism class showed that the economy and jobs were the two top issues for Nodaway County voters, regardless of party affiliation.

Tuesday voting saw Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Florida) drop out of the GOP race, after he failed to win his home state. Rubio captured just 6.1 percent of the Missouri vote, finishing fourth. In Nodaway County, he also finished fourth, with just 8.2 percent of the vote.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who finished third in Missouri and in Nodaway County, earned his first win, capturing his home state and all of its 99 delegates, a big win that could help him and other GOP candidates in their push for a contested convention in their race against Trump.

POLLS  
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For those who voted Democrat, 30 percent said they would not support their party’s nominee if it were not their preferred candidate; for Republican voters, that percentage was 34 percent.

More than half said they had no idea for whom they would vote if their nominee did not win.

A younger voter who asked not to be named or identify his voting preference said it was hard to choose a candidate, because someone on both sides supports issues he agrees with.

“I like people that believe in climate change, and of course both democrats do and so does Kasich and I like him,” the young man said.

The dalliance with Mr. Trump threatens to undermine partisan unity in the GOP.

The majority of voters at the polling locations in Nodaway County said they had no idea for whom they would vote if their desired candidate doesn’t get the nomination.

“I just haven’t thought that far ahead, but I know who I don’t want,” Paul Smith of Nodaway County said. “Unfortunately the ones I don’t want are the ones who are succeeding.”

Another issue causing uncertainty among voters is the fact that none of the candidates can count on a single demographic to unite behind him or her.

For many that fact that Trump doesn’t pretend to understand different cultures, religions or even

his own mainline Protestantism, is a positive attribute and considered a “fresh idea” for making changes in Washington; something that would easily have been a failure in past elections.

In Maryville, however, for GOP voters, religion was important, with 58 percent of GOP voters who value religion “a great deal” supporting Cruz, to just 23 percent for Trump. For the Democrats, 51 percent said religion played no role in their vote.

Voter Mary-Anne Sochozky said she supports Trump because of her age.

“I support Trump,” Sochozky said. “I’m 79 years old and I think I have a good enough head on my shoulders to make a good decision.”

The Maryville exit poll found that most of his supporters believe that Trump would make an “honest” and “successful” president.

Additionally, the poll found that for 51 percent of all Maryville voters, honesty was the most important quality in their candidate.

The real story of Trump’s rise among voters is not that he has monopolized them, but rather how he has brought divisions among voters to view.

Trump’s cultivated image as a tough guy who will “make America great again” is a draw for some, but a game changer for others.

Given the option between Trump and Clinton, many voters are totally undecided, potentially increasing the number of swing votes we see in the upcoming election.

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A summons has been issued to **Brandy A. Rivers, 20**, for allowing possession/consumption of alcohol by a minor at 300 block West Thompson.

A summons has been issued to **Dakota J. McCrady, 24**, for allowing possession/consumption of alcohol by a minor at 300 block West Thompson.

A summons has been issued to **Stacey F. Allen, 21**, for allow-

ing possession/consumption of alcohol by a minor at 300 block West Thompson.

Mar. 05

A summons has been issued to **Daniel Q. Ruggeri, 19**, for minor in possession and resisting arrest at 200 block West 5th Street.

Mar. 08

A fire report has been issued for a vehicle accident at U.S. highway 71 & Hawk Road.

Mar. 09

A fire report has been issued for an electrical fire at Ideal Road & 248th Street.

A summons has been issued to **Tammy K. Grout, 43**, for barking dogs at 600 block East Street.

A summons has been issued to **Alexander J. Snow, 19**, for improper display of license plates and failure to show proof of financial responsibility at 1000 block North Country Club Road.

A summons has been issued to **Hayley L. Wallace, 18**, for being under 19 in a bar and possession of another’s I.D. at 300 block North Market.

Mar. 10

A summons has been issued to **Cintera M. Anson, 20**, for permitting a peace disturbance at 200 block Park Avenue.

Mar. 11

There is an ongoing investigation for discharging firearms 100 block West 16th Street.

Mar. 13

A summons has been issued for liquor law violation at Roberta Hall.

Mar. 14

A summons has been issued for stealing at Colden Hall.

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Mar. 10

A summons has been issued to **Layna Wells, 19**, for driving

while intoxicated at College Park.

Mar. 12

A summons has been issued to **Christopher Hiatt, 22**, for possession of a controlled substance at Lot 10.

A summons has been issued for

liquor law violation at Perrin Hall.



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5 Maryland (25 - 8)	12 S. Dakota St. (26 - 7)								8 USC (21 - 12)	
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13 Buffalo (20 - 14)	3 Miami (Fla.) (25 - 7)								12 Chattanooga (29 - 5)	
7 Iowa (21 - 10)	15 UNC Asheville (23 - 11)								4 Kentucky (26 - 8)	
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# Alexx Lewis

From Arkansas State to Northwest Missouri State, sophomore Bearcat finds his home in Maryville

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From the offensive line at Arkansas State to secretary of Phi Sigma Kappa, sophomore Alexx Lewis has done it all.

Lewis is a human services major with a minor in child and family studies.

“I want to work with kids, particularly ones that are dealing with abuse whether that would be domestic abuse, physical or even sexual abuse,” Lewis said. “Just under privileged kids that do not have an outlet or anyone to talk to.”

It is hard not to notice his 6’6” frame. Sophomore Joe Bell noticed it first thing.

“The first thing you notice is his size,” Bell said. “He’s pretty hard to miss.”

Despite the intimidating height, Bell claims Lewis has easily become one of his best friends and will be his roommate next fall.

“He is quick with a joke and always has a smile... He is a leader with his character. He sets an example for everyone to follow,” Bell said.

Lewis is the second youngest in a family of eight children.

“I came from a broken home myself and I want to be able to give back and provide what I was not given,” Lewis said.

As far as his time at Northwest, Lewis came here in the beginning of the fall semester with his older brother who transferred from Truman.

Lewis says he is always involved in something.

“In high school, I did everything,” Lewis said. “I did football, basketball, band and track. I even did cheer and dance for a while. I announced basketball games, volleyball games, everything.”

Although this led to a busy and fun-filled high school career, Lewis was involved in so many activities to prevent himself from going home and dealing with the issues that awaited him there.

“My parents are divorced and each of my siblings are very different people with very different upbringings,” Lewis said. “I felt like no one could understand how I was feeling, no one is in my shoes because they are not in my home with me and they cannot possibly understand.”

Lewis struggled for a long time trying to find peace and someone to talk to about his daily stresses.

“It is why I love psychology and social work so much because I quickly realized the power counseling and just talking to people has. It blew my mind and gave me a whole new outlook,” Lewis said.

Going through the struggles Lewis had at home made him appreciate the ability to leave even more.

“I wouldn’t classify this as the happiest moment of my life, it was more of a series of things. Graduating high school and going on to make something of myself, going to a Division I school, playing football just getting out of my bad luck hometown,” Lewis said. “I just realized I could be a lot happier doing me and embracing the future.”

Getting out of California, Missouri was not easy for Lewis. He emancipated himself from his parents before leaving home.

“I was under my mom’s custody after my parents split,” Lewis said. “It was a situation where my mom made too much money for me to qualify for any type of financial aid, but at the same time we were quite literally living paycheck to paycheck.”

Lewis took matters into his own hands to get the aid he needed to be able to leave home and go to college. Even after making it to Arkansas State on a football scholarships, the money troubles followed him.

“I blew out my knee mid season and, despite going through rehab for it and having surgery, Division I football still works as a business. My scholarship was given to someone else and I could not afford to take out the student loans I would need to stay in Arkansas.”

Lewis ended up in Maryville



REBECCA BOREN | NW MISSOURIAN

Alexx Lewis played on the offensive line at Arkansas State before a career ending injury lost him his scholarship. He ended up at Northwest and has never looked back.

with his older brother and began looking for ways to get involved on Northwest’s campus. He eventually found Phi Sigma Kappa.

“At Arkansas State, I always had a group to fall back on and to talk to. After my career ending injury, it destroyed me. It was hard knowing I did not have football as an outlet anymore,” Lewis said. “I knew when I came to Northwest I needed to get involved.”

Greek Life can sometimes be looked at negatively, especially with recent events not only on Northwest’s campus, but across the nation. Lewis admits to believing the stigma originally.

“I didn’t want to associate my-

self with it at first, but I also did not know a lot about it,” Lewis said. “Then I went to open house and found Phi Sigma Kappa and have not regretted it since.”

While rushing for the fraternity, Lewis met freshman Sam Pettit. Initially, Pettit questioned whether or not he wanted to continue with the process.

“Alexx just sat me down and talked me through everything I was going through and encouraged me to continue with the fraternity,” Pettit said.

Lewis was one of the few in Phi Sig history to go from being a pledge to holding a position on the executive board where he now serves as

the secretary.

“I have made some of my closest friendships in this school year alone,” Lewis said. “I have never been more proud to be associated with this organization. Greek Life has taken a hit and it sometimes feels like we are operating under a dark cloud, but the men of Phi Sigma Kappa hold themselves to a higher standard.”

Lewis proudly wears his letters around campus and can always be seen talking to people and being positive.

On top of everything Lewis does as a friend and fraternity brother, he continues to go out of his way to help others.

Pettit recalls a situation in a

class where a woman began having a seizure.

“Even the teacher did not know how to react but Alexx instinctively cleared an area, laid her on the ground and began helping her,” Pettit said. “He contacted emergency services and helped a woman in her time of need.”

Lewis is another student you may have passed by and not have even thought twice about. But everyone has their story and now you know a little more about who Alexx Lewis is.

“Everybody has their demons... I just want to make the most out of life,” Lewis said. “I am living for me, not for everyone else.”

## CONTACT US

If you would like to nominate someone to be the next Human of Northwest, send an email to [r.boren.missourian@gmail.com](mailto:r.boren.missourian@gmail.com) and tell us why he or she should be spotlighted.





Cancer survivors walk a lap at the Relay For Life rally Friday evening hosted by Nodaway County Friday evening. Teams came together and raised money to help provide research to cancer centers.

# Relay For Life raises thousands for cancer research

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Cancer never sleeps, and neither did the participants of Relay For Life Friday.

Nodaway County hosted a Relay For Life at Bearcat Arena March 11. Participants of all ages gathered at the indoor track and walked in honor of cancer victims, survivors and those still battling the disease.

According to the American Cancer Society’s website, more than one million Americans are diagnosed with cancer each year. It goes without saying this disease has touched everyone. Many participants walked for family members struck by the disease. The event was especially close to sophomore Bearcat Kristen McCulley.

“My dad had cancer five years ago and it’s always been really important to me,” McCulley said. “Everyone has been affected by cancer

somehow, and some people in more ways than others.”

According to the website, the Relay For Life movement raises over \$400 million a year for the American Cancer Society. The money raised goes to research dedicated to all types of cancer and provides free services for cancer patients and those who take care of them.

Community members in the Nodaway county area formed a team which raises money for the American Cancer Society through the Relay For Life movement. According to Relay For Life’s website, 25 teams participated in the fundraising event.

Team members took turns walking around the track from 6 p.m. to midnight to raise money for the organization. The track was lined with luminaria bags (white bags illuminated with candles) with the names of those who are fighting or have lost their lives to cancer.

Survivors are honored during the event with a celebratory walk around the track. This is followed by a lap for the caregivers of those who suffered from cancer to thank them for their services.

On the sides of the track, the teams have campsites set up where they fundraise by offering entertainment or selling food and other items.

Since the event took place on campus, many teams represented the Northwest student body. The team which raised the most money was Horton Hears a Sigma. The Sigma Society team raised \$3,955.

Nodaway county raised a total of \$18,032.89 for the American Cancer Society. Not only did participants raise money for the organization, but they also did their part in raising awareness about the effects cancer has on members of the community.

Junior Kramer Ragsdale was on the third place fundraising team,

Top 5 teams	
Horton Hears a Sigma	\$3,955
Birthday Brigade	\$3,540
Sigma Sigma Sigma	\$1,600
Team Caleb	\$1,541
Golden Walkers	\$1,195
TOTAL RAISED	\$18,033

Sigma Sigma Sigma. She expressed how important she thought the Relay For Life event was for the community and campus.

“Cancer is a scary disease and we want those affected by cancer to know that we support them,” Ragsdale said. “It’s important to have it on campus to get the community as well as the students involved.”

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Your woman wants to know you love her and want her in your life. If you see another guy hitting on her and let it happen without saying anything, she loses that sense

of importance.

Stick up for her. It does not mean calling the guy out in public and embarrassing him, that’s just rude. It means grabbing your woman’s hand or putting an arm around her shoulder to show she is with you.

Those times of affirmation are important in every relationship and they make your woman feel loved and safe.

Just don’t take it too far.

Jealousy takes a turn from sexy to off-putting the moment you decide you own your woman.

Your woman has friends, male and female alike. Just because one of the guys she works with liked one or two of her photos on Facebook does not mean you have the right to make your woman unfriend him and never speak to him again.

There has to be a level of respect between partners. Once you begin questioning your woman about every male she talks to or looking through her text messages, that calls into question how much trust you have in her and the amount of faith you have in the relationship.

If your woman has done nothing to make you question her faithfulness, then you should give her

some space and freedom. If she has made you question her faithfulness, then you should question whether or not it is a healthy relationship to be a part of in the first place.

Stay thirsty, Bearcats, but not too thirsty.

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# Northwest students learn how to spring break on a budget

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Students rejoice as classes draw to a close and the year’s end is in sight. They take the time to breathe, relax and contemplate life. Or something along those lines.

Spring Break allows students time to simply forget about the semester’s drudgery and let loose.

Whether traveling abroad, partying with friends or staying home and eating a whole bucket of ice-cream while binge-watching Netflix, students always find ways to unwind. Many college enrollees may find themselves wondering what they intend to do during the break. Some students use their time working on projects and getting a foot in the industry they want to work in. How-

ever, some scholars break the bank more than others

Sophomore Joshua Grossman, one such student celebrating the break early, traveled to the music festival South by Southwest in Austin, Texas.

“The week before Spring Break, I’m going down to South by Southwest,” Grossman said. “It’s a (music) festival in Texas. I work with a group called The Collective Round Table or CRT for short. We’ve got a couple people. I think most of us have been releasing albums this last week and we have a performance down there and I’ll be filming us making a music video. It’ll be pretty fun.”

While this is a good experience for Grossman, it is also an expensive investment in his career. The cost of this venture could range anywhere from \$400-\$600, not including the costs to get down to Austin. In total, a rough estimated cost for

the whole trip may range anywhere from \$1848 to \$1915 or more if students wanted a hotel by the festival.

Despair not, broke academics, one can enjoy the break on a budget.

Some students intend to spend their break right here in the Midwest with friends. Freshman Jared Clough plans on taking small trips instead of big expensive ones.

“I’m going to travel around to a couple of friends’ houses, go up to Iowa, over to Nebraska and return to my house in Missouri. I’ll be hanging out, visiting their hometowns, and seeing what’s there,” Clough said.

Clough claims he only intends to spend money on food and gas, an expenditure costing roughly \$80 to \$130.

Other students may feel more adventurous. Aside from watching squirrels fighting each other over various tree-seeds, there is not a lot of mammalian wildlife to enjoy on campus grounds. Senior Katie Mid-

daugh plans on going backpacking in Utah. All in all, the cost per backpacker runs around \$200, not including the treatment for a gnarly black bear bite. In a bear confrontation, National Park Service’s website nps.gov recommends to make as much noise as possible to restore the bear’s fear of humans. Bang those pans and play some Skrillex. Bears hate Skrillex.

Living in the landlocked Midwest means getting a good tan might involve sitting outside an apartment on an 80 degree day. Senior Rebekah Adamek plans to do right by spending time on an actual beach in Port Aransas, Texas, four hours outside of Austin. The hotel stay alone she claims costs \$150 per person, a small price to pay for a beach-front experience.

Stay safe and enjoy the break, Bearcats.



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# Hounds enter season with high expectations

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The 2016 Spoofhound girls soccer team brings back a lot of talent to be excited about along with the emergence of some younger talent.

It has been nothing short of spectacular what the soccer team has been able to accomplish in recent years.

Receiving multiple first place finishes in numerous tournaments over the years as well as appearing in three of the last four state tournaments is something very few teams can boast about.

With this team's success year after year, there will always be critics watching the Spoofhounds each and every move, ensuring the winning ways continue as planned.

"Were a pretty successful program, so there's always pressure to do well and to carry on the legacy," senior Kylie Reuter said.

Sophomores Lydia Mitchell and Maddie Holtman have worked their way into the starting 11 this year. Both had great seasons the year before and raised some eyebrows among Maryville faithful.

"I expect them to do quite well this season," Dale Reuter said. "I like the way that they are coming together as a team."

One of the bigger changes Dale Reuter made to the starting lineup is junior Abbie Greeley into the starter goalkeeper position.

Second Team All-State senior Kylie Reuter was in net the previous year. This season, she will be moved to outside midfield.

"It's going to be weird," Kylie Reuter said. "It will definitely be a different change for me, getting used to everybody."

The last time Kylie played in an attacking position on a soccer field was over four years ago before her high school career even took flight.

"I may have lost my mind," Dale said. "We are just super thin right now in that position."

The Spoofhounds have been a soccer spectacle the last five seasons, going a combined 78-11 in all matches. What has made this soccer program so dominant? Some of the credit must be given to coach and founder of the Maryville Twisters



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Maryville girls soccer team practices team drills as it prepares for the upcoming season during practice March 14.

Cleo Samudzi.

The 58 year old grew up in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe and attended Heartzell High School for his primary and secondary education. He then proceeded to take a new direction, coming to the United States to attend college at the University of South Dakota. He coached at several locations such as Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Columbia, Missouri.

When arriving in Spoofhound country, he immediately took notice of the level the girls' soccer team was playing at.

Understanding his own knowledge and experience of the game could be beneficial to the program, the ambition to make things better could not be contained and Samudzi

decided it was time to start a team that could build from the bottom up. This team is now formally known as the Maryville Twisters.

The Twisters take in girls from ages 11-15.

"I'm a big soccer fan," Samudzi said. "I decided to start the team and my goal is to improve girls' soccer."

Samudzi arrived in Maryville 12 years ago in 2004. The veteran coach has many years under his belt and sees the bigger picture. Not all the athletes he coaches go on to play college ball, but he tells these young girls the dream to become great is never out of reach.

"As you mature, you have a different reflection of the game," Samudzi said. "You chase after it

and start to see the bigger game."

Veteran leadership will be something this team has with five returning seniors on this year's squad. Two of them, Jacquelyn Ware and Leah Jasinski, will be the main defense to the Spoofhounds back line.

"They are older now," Dale said. "I expect them to minimize their mistakes and I just think they are going to be better."

All of these seniors have, at one point in time, played for the Maryville twisters and have reaped the massive benefits from playing at such a young age.

"I give Cleo all the credit for the player I am and I know a lot of people on the field do as well," senior Mollie Holtman said.

Samudzi has certainly worked his magic, as Mollie is one of his finest specimens yet, playing in 41 varsity games, scoring 83 goals and 34 assists through her junior and senior year.

"She is easily one of the best players I've ever had here in Maryville," Samudzi said. "She is good at any position on the field... except goalkeeper."

"This team really needs that senior leadership," Reuter said. "We will look towards them throughout the entire year. Especially when we get to districts, they are going to need to keep focused and eventually come out with a good season."

# NCAA Tournament madness reaches all-time high



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NCAA men's basketball has entered undeniably the best part of the season, March Madness.

Sixty-four teams will be competing in the NCAA Tournament beginning Thursday, March 17. By April 4, one team will be the National Champion. Right now, some 40 million brackets are filled out with a chosen champion, but no bracket will be perfect.

In the past, there has been no reported documentation of a perfect bracket, and the odds are as low as 1 in 9.2 quintillion, especially with the way college basketball rankings have gone this year.

Five No. 1 teams lost their lead

between October and February for the first time since 1946. At the same time, no team held the No. 1 ranking this season for five consecutive weeks. Because of this, the tournament championship is anybody's game.

People who fill out brackets tend to support the team which is seeded at the highest level. This year, the No. 1 seeds include Kansas, North Carolina, Oregon and Virginia. You would think each of the four teams have the highest probability of making the championship.

In all reality, the championship game probably won't be a matchup against two No. 1 seeds. Only 19 of the past 31 champions since 1985 have been No. 1 seeds. These teams will not lose in the first round. It has never happened. Don't count on No. 2 and 3 seeds to lose in the first round either. Neither has lost more

than 20 games to their higher seeds in the past.

Sleepers to consider include St. Joseph and Gonzaga. Both teams have the potential to push through top three seeded teams. If they push hard, they will have the chance to make it into at least the Sweet 16. From there, the challenge will be harder as the higher seeds attempt to push their way towards a championship.

Some argue the tournament lost out on Monmouth, bumped out by Vanderbilt, Michigan State and Tulsa. The way Monmouth has played all season could have made the tournament interesting.

The NCAA selection committee knows what it is doing, however. The truth is the committee chooses teams based on their schedule and talent, not the amount of wins they have for the season. If the NCAA

did not believe Monmouth would have survived against powerhouse college teams, there was no reason to add them in.

The final four is wide open. If all goes well, the teams who deserve the chance on paper will make it that far. On one side of the bracket, Kansas could matchup against Big 12 companion Oklahoma. This would be the third matchup between the two teams. One of the matchups ended in a triple overtime Jayhawk win.

The other side of the bracket could be represented by North Carolina and Michigan State. North Carolina has had its ups and downs on the season, but its ACC tournament championship proves the team's motivation. Michigan State has the chance to prove the selection committee it should have been a No. 1 seed instead of Oregon or Virginia.

Each of these four teams have

been ranked No. 1 in the AP polls at some point this season. The teams dealt with individual obstacles this season, but they have been able to prove they can refocus towards cutting the nets down.

The national championship could be a rematch of Kansas vs Michigan State. Michigan State beat Kansas 79-73 in the first Jayhawk loss of the season. The matchup would be senior Perry Ellis' last game as a Jayhawk. If the Jayhawks win, it would be a gift to Ellis for staying at Kansas for the full four years.

Of course, there are 63 games to be played between now and the championship. As mentioned, anything could happen. The better chances go towards the higher seeds, but that won't necessarily happen. That is the great part about March madness.

## WOODS

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Woods has experience coaching both genders and this year will be no different.

"The basic coaching principles are the same," Woods said. "I don't feel I alter my basic coaching style. I see the relationship as coach and player, not me being female and them male."

Assistant coach Blake Hardegree has noticed that her experience and knowledge is not only helping the baseball team, but helping him and the other coaches.

"Her experience has helped a ton. I thought this year might be a little different, but she gets after them and I love that about her. She gets after the boys, they respect her and listen to her. Anything she says goes," Hardegree said. "She has so much stuff on the mental side of the game. I like to yell a bit and she is there telling me to just calm down. She helps me out in those aspects. We work very well together."

Grudzinski said he has already learned from coach Woods just over the winter and knows that he will

learn more as the season continues.

"I've learned quite a bit. This is my first year coaching baseball, so I'm learning a lot of the little stuff," Grudzinski said. "She has a lot of structure. Everything is timed out and detailed. It has helped me a lot."

Experience and knowledge only go so far. A great coach needs passion. Woods has that passion.

"There is a thrill of watching kids archive and excel," Woods said. "I think anybody that goes into teaching can coach. In order to be successful, they have to be able to feel that thrill of watching those kids excel."

Her passion goes past sports, too. She wants to see her players excel in life after sports.

"I think my best coaching moment is, it's not necessarily a moment, seeing what past players have accomplished with their lives since I have coached them."

Now that the winter freeze has thawed and baseball season is almost underway, coach Woods can continue adding to her legacy. With a good set of assistants, a talented group of boys and a great coach in Monica Woods, Spoofhound baseball is in great hands.



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# Female coach takes over baseball team

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With 17 years of coaching experience, it's no surprise why new Maryville baseball head coach Monica Woods wants to be back on the field she so desperately loves.

Woods grew up playing sports with her older siblings. She remembers always being outside on a court or field with a ball in her hand.

"I'm the youngest of five, and all of my brothers and sisters were on the basketball court or baseball field," Woods said. "I kind of grew up on the courts and fields."

As the youngest, Woods worked even harder as a kid, helping her in younger days and beyond. She turned into a great athlete and was a multi-sport participant in high school.

"I played softball and basketball and at multiple levels for each," Woods said. "In basketball I had very good high school team. I was All-State and a converse All-American."

After high school, Woods attended Northwest Missouri State where she earned degrees in both business management and physical educa-



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Head coach Monica Woods explains different techniques to players March 16.

tion. She also received her Master's in business at Northwest. Woods is now one of three technology specialists at Northwest Technical School and Maryville High School.

In college, Woods participated in basketball and also got to try out for the American women's Olympic basketball team.

"I participated in the tryouts for

the 1980 Olympic basketball team," Woods said. "There were over 300 girls trying out and I made it to the last cut before the top 25. It was a great experience."

Woods takes what she experienced as an athlete and passes it along to her players. Her experiences with her coaches influence her own coaching philosophy.

"It was a goal of mine to play in the Olympics," Woods said. "I was able to see the other competition around the whole country. It gave me an appreciation for how many good players there are out there. I think that it has allowed me to pass on to my players that 100 percent isn't good enough. You have to work harder, 120 percent."

After college, Woods got her first teaching and coaching job in Kansas, but she quickly moved back home and has been coaching in Maryville ever since.

"I had my first coaching job in Paola, Kansas for one year, which is where I also first taught," Woods said. "After that, the business teacher here (Maryville) retired, so I came back and they had coaching openings, too. I started out with basketball and track."

Throughout her coaching years,

she has been able to coach all of her children. One of her daughters went on to play softball at Clarke University as a pitcher. Now, Woods coaches her son in baseball.

"My son has been at my side as the younger kid when I have coached, and I have coached him and some of the boys around his age on different baseball and basketball teams," Woods said. "I think it is easier for the boys to accept me as coach because of the previous experience they have had with me coaching them and the knowledge of the fundamentals I have."

After not coaching last year, Woods is back at it again and she is able to pass on her experiences and knowledge to a new group of kids and assistant coaches.

"You can tell she has experience. When she steps on the field, she knows what she is talking about," assistant coach Marcus Grudzinski said. "The kids have bought in and they know when she says something that it's right. When she says something, she has the experience and knows what she is talking about."

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# Junior contributes to softball's early success

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With contributions on every side of the ball, junior Torri Blythe has helped her Bearcat softball team to a 17-5 record half-way through the regular season.

Blythe started playing softball when she was just eight or nine years old. She played in the Trojanette league in northern Missouri until she was 18.

She played for Maysville High School and was coached by her father alongside her sister for two seasons, going on to earn all-state honors in softball all four years of high school as well as all-state honors in basketball and track.

As a well-rounded and well-coached athlete, it comes as no surprise that Blythe has been outstanding so far this season. Coach Ryan Anderson said her work ethic and versatility are key contributors to her own success as well as her team's success.

"She comes to play every day," Anderson said. "She wants to work hard and she wants to get better. She's willing to move all over the field if it helps the team. Those are the players you want."

Torri has started in all 22 games



so far this season. She is batting a .354 average, fielding with a .990 fielding percentage and has 11 stolen bases. Blythe was quick to praise her coaching when asked about her skillset.

"I definitely learned a lot when I was younger," Bythe said. "I've always had great coaches, even in the summer, and of course, my dad. Both my parents have taught me a lot about the game. I just feel like starting so young and playing throughout the years helped me develop more as a player."

Coinciding with the phenomenal statistics, Blythe also brings intangibles to the Bearcats that all young teams could use.

"She brings the experience of a senior," Anderson said. "Just because she has played in every game since she was a freshman. She has been on the field every game, freshman, sophomore and now junior year, she is playing as much as many other teams' seniors right now. We expect a lot of her on the field, but she is up for it."

She also plays not for individual glory, but for her team. This can be seen through what she thinks is her most valuable asset to the team.

"I would say defense," Blythe said. "I love playing defense. I love



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Junior second baseman Torri Blythe dives for a ground ball against Northeastern State Saturday, March 5.

being able to back up a pitcher, especially in tight situations. I think that's the most rewarding, when your pitcher gives you a big smile or a big high five after a play."

Blythe's athleticism, coupled with over 10 years of softball experience and terrific coaching, has resulted in her becoming an all-MIAA

player. She is now a leader and role model on a team firing on all cylinders. Blythe and the Bearcats softball team will look to continue to play great defense and get back into a hitting rhythm as they improve on their already solid season.

The softball team will be in St. Joseph this weekend for the Mis-

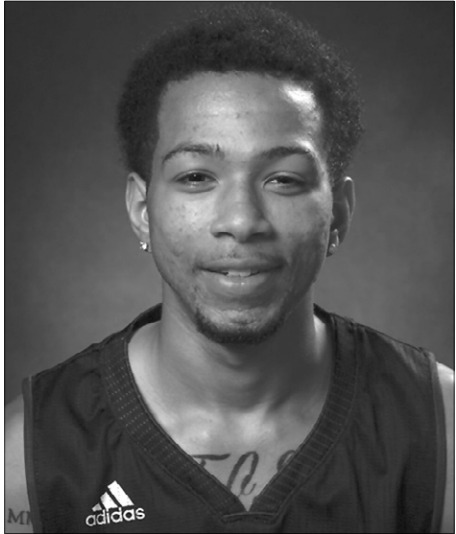
souri Western State University Apple Market Classic. The Bearcats will play six games in three days against six teams from outside of the MIAA conference. Both players and coaches alike are excited to see what their team is made of this weekend in what should be a challenging, yet fun weekend of softball.

# ATHLETES of the WEEK



## BEARCATS

Justin Pitts



The sophomore point guard scored 34 points in the regional championship against Augustana, just one game after he put up a career high 38 points. Pitts was 3-4 at the three point line in the 80-78 season-ending loss.

Sarah Baldwin



The senior pitcher held Southwest Baptist scoreless through seven innings, tossing a three-hit shutout. Baldwin recorded six strikeouts, walking one in the 7-0 victory.

## SPOOFHOUNDS



Mollie Holtman



The senior forward scored 83 goals during her sophomore and junior seasons. Holtman also assisted on 39 goals over a span of 41 matches.

Trystan Lyle



The senior ended his season with Cody Hermelink in the class three district 16 doubles tournament. The two grabbed a first-round victory against Lafayette's Skylar Flaska and Wesley Sisk. The pair lost to Savannah's No. 1 seeded Craig Helm and Chase Furgison.



# Spanish coach bring european roots to tennis team

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From his original home in Terassa, Spain, to a small town in Maryville, Missouri, the voyage of tennis graduate assistant Lluís Altimires has been an unforgettable one.

The game came naturally to Altimires. Picking up a racquet at a young age determined tennis would be something he would carry with him for a lifetime.

“I started when I was about 5 years old. My father (Josep Lluís) put a racket in my hands when I was young and I played because I had fun with it,” Altimires said.

When he was young, Altimires remembered playing with a group of friends that were in his same age group. He continued to train with this group until they were around 10 years old.

As the young Spaniard continued to grow, Altimires would play more and more each and every week, sometimes playing with his father on the weekend.

“By the time I was around 11 or 12, that’s when I started playing pretty much every day,” Altimires said.

At this point in time, tennis had become almost a profession for Altimires, so much so that his mother was making even greater sacrifices to fulfill her young boy’s dream.

“My mom, Asumpta (Lluís), quit her job when I was 13 so that she could take me to practice,” Altimires said.

The desire to play tennis was strong for Altimires, and both his parents looked to push him harder.

This support has helped him become the athlete he is today. Altimires special skill set must be recognized for its excellence. It is a difficult process for all foreign athletes to adjust to the Unites States style of tennis. Overseas, the only style these players experience is singles play. Never have they been exposed to the intricate world of doubles.

“It helps that I’m a tall person,” Altimires said. “I knew I had a good serve and I worked on my volleys a lot. In my second year (of college), I really worked over the summer on



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Graduate Assistant Lluís Altimires discuss strategies with the No. 1 doubles team prior to a 8-3 victory over Missouri Western March 16.

my doubles game.”

It took little time for Altimires to adjust to such circumstances, making a living in doubles with his partner in crime Sergio De Vilchez.

“Me and Sergio had some very good chemistry,” Altimires said. “We got along on the court very well, and everything was just uphill from there.”

Through their storied career at Northwest, the two Spaniards compiled a career doubles record of 46-10 and were ranked the 12th best doubles team in Division II tennis their senior year.

“Sergio was a great baseline player,” coach Mark Rosewell said. “Lluís was a fantastic serve and volley player which made an outstand-

ing team.”

De Vilchez struggled with speaking English when he first arrived at Northwest. Altimires and Sergio were together all the time and realized that sharpening each other’s language skill was a must. This drew them closer together as friends on and off the court.

“I had to help him a lot in the beginning,” Altimires said. “That really created that friendship. On the court, we just trusted each other a lot. We just helped each other become better players after each match.”

His first year in this country was not spent in Midwest Missouri, but rather at Eastern Washington University, more than 1,500 miles west of Maryville. Altimires did not en-

joy his time spent at the west coast and his confidence about transferring to the U.S. was dwindling.

“I was ready to come back home,” Altimires said. “The support of my parents helped a lot there. It gave me the courage to come here (Northwest Missouri State).”

His father told Altimires that if he did not enjoy Northwest at any point, then he would be allowed to come home and attend college in Barcelona. That idea quickly became a memory as the teenager enjoyed his time spent here.

“I’m a family guy,” Altimires said. “I came here and right away knew that there were a bunch of people on this team that had my back. I fit right in and it feels like home now.”

Altimires and De Vilchez’s win percentage ranks in the top five of Bearcat history in the past 15 years. Altimires’ senior year, he was recognized as an MIAA Scholar athlete and was listed on the All-MIAA first team honors at No. 4 singles.

Once a player now a coach, Altimires seeks to help every athlete on the team to realize the bigger picture in their remaining time spent at Northwest.

“The main thing that I can help these guys with is getting them to open their eyes,” Altimires said. “I tell them that if they can look back at their tennis career with no regrets, then that’s the main goal. To attend college while playing the sport they love, that’s the best feeling.”



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Senior Tristan Lyle prepares to serve. Lyle is one of two returners from last season.

# Tennis continue building around senior leadership

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The Maryville High School boys tennis team looks to rebuild itself after the loss of key veteran players.



The Spoofhound squad finished the 2015 season with a 5-5 record.

The team lost four members due to graduation.

Seniors Joe Suchan and Tristan Lyle are the only returners from the full roster.

The two represent what head coach Nicole McGinnis wants from a varsity leader.

This leadership is something the entire team will need throughout the entire year

“I think they are going to bring great energy,” McGinnis said. “They have a lot of experience. I think that will be helpful as a whole.”

Suchan and Lyle have the chance to fill the top spot, but no matter who gets this position, Suchan says the chance of competing for the top spot is an honor.

“It means a lot,” Suchan said. “Last year it was a question if I

could make varsity, but now I am returning looking at the one spot. It is a lot of pressure, but it is really an honor to play in such a high spot.”

As seniors, Suchan and Lyle have experience playing together. The two have found themselves playing with each other during doubles games.

This means more than just playing on the court together. It’s a relationship the two will share all season long that will be tested both mentally and physically.

“I really like him,” Suchan said. “We really know each other’s strengths and weaknesses. We work very well together.”

The team has 25 members in practice.

As tennis is based on individual skill, mentorship has helped the team build personal relationships which may not be seen in group teams.

“We are really close,” Suchan said. “We have a really young team, but we are all kind of brothers. We poke and make fun of each other, but at the end of the day, we know we have each other’s backs.”

Suchan and Lyle represent two of the eight varsity sports. McGinnis says she is looking at sophomores Lucas Jasinski and Peter Kempf to join the dynamic duo.

From there, merit will be decided by who can play with the mentality level varsity requires.

“Tennis is a lot of mental,” McGinnis said. “The mental game is what they are going to have to see. It takes so much. If you have one bad hit, it can get you mad. You just have to move on and get ready for the next hit.”

McGinnis says the team has the chance to develop itself fully once each member establishes control of playing at the varsity level.

“I see great potential,” McGinnis said. “We are going to be young, but once we gain that varsity experience, we will be great.”

The Spoofhounds open their season at home Tuesday, March 2 against Savannah. Each of their home games are played at the high rise tennis courts at Northwest Missouri State.

“Right now, I would say I have my expectations set high,” Suchan said.

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## BASEBALL

### MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Emporia St.....	15-5	7-2
Central Missouri.....	8-7	7-2
Nebraska Kearney.....	9-8	7-2
Misouri Western.....	14-6	6-3
Northeastern State .....	12-7	6-3
Missouri Southern.....	13-4	5-4
Central Oklahoma.....	12-7	5-4
Washburn.....	10-8	5-4
*NORTHWEST.....	10-9	5-4
Southwest Baptist.....	9-10	4-5
Lindenwood.....	9-8	3-6
Fort Hays St.....	9-11	3-6
Pittsburg St.....	5-12	0-9
Lincoln.....	0-9	1-18

### March 18-20

Lincoln at NORTHWEST

### March 22

NORTHWEST at Nebraska Kearney

### March 24-26

NORTHWEST at Central Missouri

## SOFTBALL

### MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Pittsburg St.....	17-6	6-0
Missouri Western.....	17-7	7-1
Emporia St.....	13-10	4-2
*NORTHWEST.....	17-5	5-3
Central Oklahoma.....	18-7	5-3
Central Missouri.....	13-12	5-3
Northeastern St.....	17-12	5-5
Southwest Baptist .....	12-17	5-5
Missouri Southern.....	13-16	3-5
Washburn.....	8-11	3-5
Fort Hays St .....	9-14	3-5
Lindenwood.....	6-18	3-5
Nebraska Kearney .....	8-16	1-7
Northeastern State.....	2-21	1-7

### March 18-20

Missouri Western Apple Market Classic

### March 25

NORTHWEST at Lincoln (DH)

### March 26

NORTHWEST at Lindenwood (DH)

## MEN’S TENNIS

### MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Nebraska Kearney.....	10-0	0-0
Emporia St .....	9-1	0-0
Washburn.....	4-1	0-0
*NORTHWEST.....	3-1	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	4-2	0-0
Lindenwood.....	3-2	0-0

### March 19

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## WOMEN’S TENNIS

### MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Emporia St.....	7-2	1-0
Washburn.....	10-4	1-0
Missouri Western.....	4-0	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	6-0	0-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	7-1	0-0
Lindenwood.....	3-1	0-0
Northeastern St.....	3-5	0-0
Central Oklahoma.....	11-5	0-0
Fort Hays St.....	6-4	0-0
*NORTHWEST.....	2-2	0-0
Lincoln.....	0-2	0-2

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# Baseball benefits from wealth of catchers

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As pitching continues to lead the Northwest baseball team, its defense behind the plate might play an equally important role in the early success of the season. The Bearcats use a rotation of catchers for a much improved staff to complete games. Seniors Zachary Douglas and Derek Meyer, junior Jake Lewis and freshman Jay Hrdlicka lead the group of catchers that have helped jumpstart the season in a positive direction.

In the 14-3 loss to Quincy University (Illinois) Tuesday, the Bearcats used Lewis behind the plate with Hrdlicka taking the designated hitter position. Lewis finished 1-for-3 while Hrdlicka went 2-for-5 with a run scored. Despite the setback, Lewis was able to record his first start this season.

“I was excited to show what I can do behind the plate,” Lewis said. “And get a chance to work with the pitching staff again. Getting that hit was great, but it always leaves you with the feeling of wanting more of them.”

Northwest (10-9, 5-4) is tied for sixth place in the MIAA standings, two games off University of Central Missouri and University of Nebraska Kearney. At this time last year the Bearcats held a 4-15 MIAA record which buried them early in the conference standings. An improved start from a year ago comes from the help of pitching and defense, directed from home plate.

“I think our position definitely plays a large role defensively in terms of keeping the tempo of the game,” Meyer said. “It’s our job to keep our pitcher in rhythm and keep them dialed in on the mound. Offensively, just like any other position, we have to just do our job and not try and do too much up there.”

Meyer leads the group with a .294 batting average and playing 14 games. Hrdlicka posts a .261 batting average playing in all 19 games, while

Lewis hits .246 playing in 18 games. Douglas saw action Tuesday for the eighth time this season recording his first hit in just 11 plate appearances. While rotating each player increases competition, it makes it harder to see the field every game.

“With the group of guys we have it really is challenging,” Douglas said. “We are constantly making ourselves better by always battling and trying to be the guy this team needs. If someone is struggling the other guys are always there to help figure stuff out whether that be throwing or hitting, which are two major aspects of this sport and our position.”

Northwest now turns its focus to Lincoln. The Blue Tigers (1-18, 0-9) bring with them an 11-game losing streak, allowing the Bearcats the opportunity to rebound from Tuesday’s defeat. With the game on Friday, the only information missing is who will start at catcher. One thing is for sure, whoever’s name is written on the starting line-up score sheet will play as hard as possible for the time they have.

“It helps to have competition every day in order for us to keep improving individually and as a unit,” Hrdlicka said. “We work hard every day at practice to be the best catchers we can be for the team and compete with each other to get on the field, but at the end of the day we are improving as a unit and I feel comfortable having any one of us out there.”

**BASEBALL SERIES WEEKEND**

**NORTHWEST V. LINCOLN @ HOME**

**FRIDAY @ 3 P.M.**

**SATURDAY @ 2 P.M.**

**SUNDAY @ 1 P.M.**



Senior Zachary Douglas retrieves the ball after a close play at homeplate against Northeastern State Feb. 28. Northwest lost 9-2. The Bearcats will play a series against Lincoln Friday, March 18, at 3 p.m.



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